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Physcial Training

Louree Davis, B.S. ..... Primary Gym
Newton Shular ..... Basketball Coach
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Lester Rozell ..... Head Supervisor of Boys
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Otelia Herbold ..... Dining Room Supervisor

Maintenance

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Newton Shular ..... Maintenance

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J.W. Brinkley, M.D., F.A.C.S. ..... Physician
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Esther Johnson, B.Di ..... Resident Nurse

Report of Local Executive Board

APRIL REPORT

To the State Board of Education:

The Local Board of the School for the Deaf and Blind held a meeting every month during the first quarter of 1955. All members were present at each meeting. Our regular meeting date is the first Monday of the month.

At these meetings we discussed any problems which Mr. Harris submitted to us, including the budget and the proposed new construction.

While in Helena during February, Mr. Threet interviewed Fred Martin, Secretary to the Governor. He familiarized himself with the responsibilities of the Local Board and reported to us at our meeting.

Before the March meeting, we met at the School for supper. We feel that Mr. Harris is utilizing the price support commodities and the war surplus items in every way possible. This gives the children a better balanced diet at less cost. The meals are well prepared and served in an appetizing way.

The quarterly inspection of the institution was made and the following observations and recommendations agreed upon:

1. Morale of students: **Very good.**
2. Morale of staff personnel: **Good.**
3. General living conditions: **Good.**
4. Adequacy of facilities and equipment: **Fair.**

The School is in need of more dormitory room for the girls but the new shop building will help this condition.

5. Quality and preparation of meals: **Very Good.**
6. Maintenance of Plant: **Good.**
7. Finances: **No report on this item at the present time.**
8. Special items of note:

We believe the management of the School is very good. Our relationship with the School has been very satisfactory and we have received good cooperation from the Superintendent. Mr. Harris has been successful in building up good public relations for the School and he is highly thought of in the community.

JULY REPORT

The board met monthly during this quarter and discussed any problems that had developed in connection with the school.

Some of our members attended the musical program presented by the students and the commencement exercises. We feel the students are receiving an excellent background in music. All programs at the school are supported by the public. Since the Governor could not be present at the commencement excercises, the Chairman of the Board was given the honor

to present the diplomas to the graduates.

At our meeting in June, Mr. Harris discussed the plans for the new shop building and Mr. Threet went over the architect's design. When this building is completed it will relieve the congested condition in the dormitory for the girls and give the school room for more children.

Geordies K. Kotz (Mrs. O. B.)
President
Lyman Threet
Secretary
Art Jardine
Member

President's Report

DECEMBER REPORT

Students

The students' population this year is 97 as compared to 91 last year. The enrollment divides as follows:

Deaf Girls	31	Blind Girls	12
Deaf Boys	41	Blind Boys	13
Total	72	Total	25

After a six week trial in the school and a check at the Mental Hygiene Clinic one eight year old boy was returned to his adoptive parents for attendance at public school with parental assistance on the outside. The parents of one six year old blind boy were advised to place their son in a day nursery school for this year to enter him in our school next fall.

In the case of the adopted child it was necessary to allow him to be at the school for some time to establish a feeling of security before adequate hearing tests could be made to determine that he did not have a serious hearing loss. An emotionally insecure child from a broken or unsatisfactory home condition sometimes becomes "word deaf" in that his mind refuses to recognize spoken words which have too often been used to make people unhappy. It takes some time to determine that a word recognition block is not of physical origin. This boy's adoptive parents are willing to give him the necessary security and attention.

In the case of the six year old blind boy, it is not uncommon for a premature blind child to take seven years to advance to a six year old level. This rarely indicates permanent retardation but only shows that physical development was retarded and that it takes time for the child's mind to substitute auditory stimulus for the visual stimulus which the child with normal vision receives in his pre-school years.

All at the school were shocked and saddened by the death of Kenneth Loss on the morning of October 7, after only a day's illness in a Great Falls hospital, apparently from some failure in the nervous system controlling respiration. Kenneth was much smaller than his twin brother, Keith, although he was quite active. Kenneth's deafness was believed to have been caused by a fall when he was very young.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Loss. Kenneth was such a happy, cheerful little fellow that we all miss him.

We always phone to the parents whenever a child appears to be seriously ill and the school doctor always has the child taken to the city hospital in such a case. Perhaps we have alarmed some parents unnecessarily in the past but we appreciated having Mr. and Mrs. Loss at the hospital during the time Kenneth was there so there was no delay for the doctor and nurses for authority to act.

Student Activities

Progess in school work has been quite satisfactory. We are fortunate to have a staff of well qualified teachers again this year.

The children have two television sets purchased from the Weyer fund. These provide entertainment in the evening when there is some slack time. It is seldom that all age groups have the same time to watch television programs because of other activities.

Square dancing continues to be the favorite pastime of the older blind children with a two hour session every Thursday evening. Mr. R. J. Lapee is continuing to contribute his time for this program. We appreciate his generosity, especially since he is such a fine instructor. Mr. MacPherson, of our staff has been assisting Mr. Lapee with the sets and he has been adding deaf children who have asked to join the classes. Occasionally sets from the city schools are invited to come in for the evening.

The chorus and a trio from the department for the blind have entertained different organizations and service clubs and several teachers have given talks to various groups. Many school and college groups have visited the school and observed. We especially appreciate having college students visit when they are preparing to be teachers or nurses as they provide contacts wherever they locate in the state.

Finances

We shall be able to operate until the close of the present biennum without asking supplemental appropriations unless unforseen emergencies arise.

The State Purchasing Department continues to secure commodities such as butter, cheese, canned roast beef, powdered milk, and shortening at no cost to the school. Dr. Westwell has had the truck from the State Training School handle the allocation of this school when it is received in Helena in car load lots. While this program is designed for enrichment rather than for substitution it has caused a great saving in the food budget in addition to making the children's diet both balanced and tasty.

The donable properties division of the State Superintendent's Office has done a fine piece of work in securing war surplus items, particularly in hand tools, in paper and in kitchen equipment. Since the charges for these items are only intended to cover handling and transportation it has been possible to stock equipment which will be used over a period of years. We espcially appreciate receiving a new sixteen inch planer at a cost of one hundred and fifty dollars. We have needed this machine for years but we did not feel justified in buying one at twelve to fifteen hundred dollars.

Physical Plant

As previously reported, wall cracks have been caulked and the flat roof of the main building has been given a coating of hot asphalt. The roof should give satisfactory service through the summer of 1957 but an appropriation of five thousand dollars should be made during the next biennum to change the roof to tar and gravel construction. This would be just as cheap as it would be to replace the present tarred felt roofing. It is not practical to lay a second

coating of tarred felt over the original while tar and gravel is laid directly on the original installation.

A glance at the enrollment shows 43 girls in the school. There is room for only 42 beds in the girls' dormitories. One girl lives in Great Falls and attends as a day pupil. It has been necessary to place three girls on the waiting list. If the Legislature allows our building program we can readily convert the present shop rooms to dormitories for little girls and we can expect to handle the increased enrollment for some years. The increased enrollment in the girls is due to increase in the general population when a certain percentage can be expected to be deaf or to be blind. Girls have always been less susceptible to deafness and blindness due to high fevers than boys have been. Modern drugs have decreased the cases of blindness and deafness due to such fevers among boys of school and pre-school age to the point that the ratio of boys to girls is now 5 to 4 while it was apporoximately 6 to 4 a decade ago. For that reason we still have enough bed space for boys although there has never been enough recreational area.

APRIL REPORT

Graduation

Commencement exercises will be held on the evening of Tuesday, June 7. Six students from the department for the deaf will receive twelfth grade diplomas. There will not be a graduating class from the department for the blind this year.

Those who will graduate are as follows:

Jean Anderson, Malta
Carol Corcoran, Ryegate
Amelia Dalke, Red Lodge
Ronald Lamping, East Helena
Ronald Peterson, Butte
Cecelia Schaff, Ryegate

None of the above students plan to attend the college for the deaf. The field man from the State Rehabilitation Department will have preliminary arrangements completed before the close of school.

Carol Corcoran and Cecelia Schaff plan to take a course in cosmetology in Billings.

Ronald Peterson expects to go to work in a printing establishment.

Ronald Lamping has a brother who is a dental technician. He will probably go in with his brother a little later. He is thinking of putting in a season in Alaska. This has been popular and profitable with young deaf men for several years.

Jean Anderson expects to attend business college in Great Falls.

Amelia Dalke's parents will be moving to Washington state. She has not fully decided what she wants to do but her main interests are domestic.

Two students in the eleventh grade, Nelly Nerhus and Robert Herbold.

plan to take college entrance examinations for Gallaudet College. Test scores indicate they will be accepted. The college allows a preparatory year since most of schools for the deaf are unable to fully prepare graduating students for college entrance. We have been fortunate in the quality of students and of teachers in recent years.

Student Activities

The students in the department for the blind continue to enjoy square dancing. Intermediate children in the department for the deaf are being added to this group. Sets from junior high school in town have been invited in to a number of dance sessions. This has added considerable interest to the program.

A Christmas program was presented. Parents and visitors were invited and an open house was held. A radio program of Christmas music was prepared by the children under the direction of Miss Koetitz. This group also entertained the members of the Legislature.

The deaf boys enjoyed a good basketball season. The school paper has given an account of games played. High school girls were taken to most of the out of town games in cars of staff members.

Camping and outings on week-ends have been enjoyed by the older boys and girls.

Regular school parties have been held and all birthdays have been suitably observed.

Legislative Action

The recent Legislature made appropriations to allow for salary increases as indicated on an accompanying sheet which we submit for approval of the State Board of Education. Funds are not available to match the scale of the Great Falls public schools but the teachers feel the administration has dealt with them fairly in making salary adjustments when possible.

The Legislature made an appropriation for a new shop building and for remodeling present shop space for dormitory use.

Staff

Mrs. Velma Christensen has asked to be replaced at the close of the school year. Miss Dorothy Morrison will take Mrs. Christensen's place as teacher of home economics. Miss Morrison will receive her bachelor of science degree in June. We are fortunate again to have the choice of graduates of Gallaudet College for this place. The probabilities are that marriage will lead to replacement again within a few years. In the meantime we expect to receive a great deal of extra-curricular activities with our older girls.

Mr. Darwin Younggren has done an excellent piece of work in preparing boys for printers during the past seven years. During that time he has married and become the father of son. He has asked to be replaced since he has an offer in a commercial shop for sixteen hundred dollars a

year above our salary schedule. We appreciate the fine work he has done for us and we understand his desire to take a position that will enable him to buy a home for his family. We expect to hire a recent graduate of Gallaudet College who has not had enough years of printing to get his union card.

JULY REPORT

Students

Six students from the department for the deaf received twelfth grade diplomas on the evening of Tuesday, June 7. They were: Jean Anderson of Malta, Carol Corcoran of Ryegate, Amelia Dalke of Red Lodge, Ronald Lamping of East Helena, Ronald Peterson of Butte and Cecelia Schaff of Ryegate. Mr. O. B. Kotz, President of the Local Executive Board, presented the diplomas.

Two students in the eleventh grade, Nelly Nerhus of Billings and Robert Herbold of Hingham, took the entrance examinations for Gallaudet College and were fully accepted for admission. The college for the deaf offers a five year course as few schools for the deaf are prepared to give a full high school course. The first year is listed as college preparatory. Entrance examinations indicate that both students should do extremely well even though they will be competing with deaf students from the top five percent of the nation. They will return to receive their diplomas in 1956 with the other members of their class.

Regular testing of students has helped to maintain a high standard of class work.

Finances

State books can not be closed and audited until all claims are cleared in July. It is now evident that we shall be able to settle all claims within our present appropriations.

Appropriations for the next two years have been carefully considered and a budget has been prepared which is expected to enable us to operate within the funds available, especially if the programs of surplus commodities and of donable properties continue.

Architect's plans for the new vocational building have been approved by the State Board of Examiners and bids have been requested. The plans are essentially the same as they were when they were first presented to the State Board of Education.

Physical Plant

Alterations and repairs are under way to convert the present carpentry shop into a suitable dormitory for little girls. During the past school year it was necessary for three girls to be placed on the waiting list because every bed for girls was filled. It is expected that we shall be able to admit all eligible children this year. We have the list of pre-school children as complete as possible. The unreported cases should just about balance with known cases

which may be too retarded for admission.

Woodworking classes will be held in the shop of the boiler house until such time as the proposed vocational building is completed. The other shops will continue in the present location until that time.

The architect estimates that it will be possible to erect the new building and to complete necessary remodeling within the appropriation. The Legislature very considerately made one appropriation for both purposes so maximum use can be made of the funds.

Staff

Mrs. Ellen Blanchard did not accept her contract as teacher of the blind for next year. This young widow plans to marry and to establish her home in another state. She has been an excellent teacher with younger children.

Mrs. Iva L. Richter, an experienced primary teacher, is expected to take this position. She is studying Braille and doing recommended reading in the field of the education of the blind this summer in preparation for fall.

1955 Graduates

JEAN ANN ANDERSON
Malta, Montana

RONALD RALPH LAMPING
East Helena, Montana

CAROL LENORE CORCORAN
Ryegate, Montana

1955 Graduates

AMELIA ANNA DALKE
Red Lodge, Montana

RONALD ELVER PETERSON
Butte, Montana

CECELIA CATHERINE SCHAFF
Ryegate, Montana

Student Population

County	Name	Age	Class	Town
Big Horn	Birdhat, Alvin	9	Deaf	Lame Deer
Carbon	Ostrum, Darlene	19	Deaf	Roscoe
Cascade	Adams, Victor	11	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Bass, Fred	15	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Bird, John	17	Blind	Great Falls
Cascade	*Beach, Louise	6	Blind	Fairfield
Cascade	Brayson, Katherine	13	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Bricks, Robert	19	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Gililland, Robert	9	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Gosso, Carol	13	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Hall, Donald	11	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Harper, Thomas	10	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	*Hutton, Jeffrey	6	Blind	Great Falls
Cascade	Johnson, Lyle	10	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Klessig, Robert	14	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Leigland, Harold	8	Blind	Great Falls
Cascade	*Mullins, James	6	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	*Price, Roy	17	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	*Taylor, Gary	6	Blind	Great Falls
Cascade	Short, Karen	16	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Upton, Nancy	11	Blind	Great Falls
Cascade	VanTighem, Eddie	14	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Wheeler, Bonnie	14	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Whitsell, Jane	19	Deaf	Great Falls
Dawson	*Fix, Hildegarde	16	Blind	Glendive
Dawson	*Skogas, Sharon	14	Deaf	Lindsay
Deer Lodge	Clawson, Guy	15	Blind	Anaconda
Deer Lodge	Kennedy, Michael	19	Deaf	Anaconda
Deer Lodge	Kohler, Daffney	16	Blind	Anaconda
Deer Lodge	Menahan, Kenneth	16	Deaf	Anaconda
Deer Lodge	Morse, Mary Susan	10	Blind	Anaconda
Deer Lodge	Spurlock, Chris	17	Deaf	Anaconda
Fergus	Heller, Joseph	9	Deaf	Lewistown
Flathead	McDowell, Denzel	17	Deaf	Whitefish
Flathead	Pahrman, Kenneth	16	Blind	Whitefish
Flathead	Pahrman, Sharon	8	Blind	Whitefish
Flathead	Thompson, Rosemary	19	Blind	Kalispell
Flathead	Wise, David	10	Deaf	Kalispell

Gallatin	Dunn, Dorothy	10	Blind	Bozeman
Gallatin	*LaPalme, Edie	10	Blind	Bozeman
Gallatin	Smith, Mary Ann	13	Deaf	Manhattan
Golden Valley	Corcoran, Carol	20	Deaf	Ryegate
Golden Valley	Schaff, Cecelia	19	Deaf	Ryegate
Hill	Herbold, David	7	Deaf	Hingham
Hill	Herbold, Robert	16	Deaf	Hingham
Hill	McSloy, Joyce	10	Deaf	Havre
Lake	Gilleard, Ruth	19	Deaf	Polson
Lewis and Clark	Brown, Karen	15	Deaf	Helena
Lewis and Clark	Chippewa, Conrad	13	Blind	Helena
Lewis and Clark	Chippewa, Sylvia	8	Blind	Helena
Lewis and Clark	*Couture, Louella	14	Deaf	Helena
Lewis and Clark	Lamping, Ronald	20	Deaf	East Helena
Liberty	Foster, Rolph	17	Deaf	Joplin
Liberty	Pederson, James	14	Deaf	Chester
Madison	Davis, David	13	Deaf	Twin Bridges
Mineral	Sides, Thomas	15	Deaf	Superior
Missoula	*Buckallew, Richard	7	Blind	Missoula
Missoula	Christian, Melvin	13	Deaf	Missoula
Missoula	Kellmer, Russell	14	Deaf	Missoula
Missoula	Morris, Patrick	6	Blind	Missoula
Missoula	Tabish, Robert	16	Deaf	Missoula
Missoula	Wolfe, Sally	11	Deaf	Missoula
Park	Miller, Morris	16	Blind	Livingston
Park	Roup, Juanita	16	Deaf	Livingston
Park	Williams, Jerry	7	Deaf	Livingston
Phillips	Anderson, Jean	19	Deaf	Malta
Pondera	McLane, Lee Ann	7	Deaf	Conrad
Pondera	Moon, Yvonne	9	Deaf	Valier
Richland	Hedegaard, Robert	19	Blind	Savage
Richland	Ulshafer, Irene	14	Deaf	Sidney
Rosebud	Polley, Ellen	7	Blind	Forsyth
Roosevelt	Kuehne, Leonard	17	Deaf	Wolf Point
Sheridan	Miller, Julie	9	Deaf	Westby
Silver Bow	Maki, Sharon	15	Deaf	Butte
Silver Bow	Miller, Paul	12	Blind	Butte

Silver Bow	Miller, Stanley	12	Blind	Butte
Silver Bow	Junior, James	13	Deaf	Butte
Silver Bow	Peterson, Ronald	19	Deaf	Butte
Silver Bow	Rudd, Otis	20	Deaf	Butte
Stillwell	Maher, Donna	11	Deaf	Reed Point
Toole	Barger, Clifford	14	Deaf	Shelby
Toole	Kanning, Dorothy	10	Deaf	Dunkirk
Toole	Kanning, Elizabeth	9	Deaf	Dunkirk
Toole	Kessner, Janet	10	Blind	Shelby
Toole	Sherrard, Leslie	7	Deaf	Galata
Valley	*Oderman, Tommy	11	Deaf	Glasgow
Yellowstone	*Brown, Linda	6	Deaf	Billings
Yellowstone	Dalke, Amelia	19	Deaf	Red Lodge
Yellowstone	*Ellesch, Robert	6	Deaf	Billings
Yellowstone	Jensen, Ramona	17	Deaf	Joliet
Yellowstone	Nerhus, Nelly	16	Deaf	Billings
Yellowstone	Peterson, Leslie	11	Deaf	Billings
Yellowstone	Weese, Larry	16	Deaf	Billings
Yellowstone	Wittman, Lillian	10	Deaf	Huntley
Yellowstone	Wittman, Oscar	19	Deaf	Huntley
Yellowstone	Wolfe, Bette	8	Deaf	Billings

Hospital Report

Total Treated in School Hospital by months

Month	Out patients	Bed patients	Days
September, 1955	278	7	11
October, 1955	325	10	16
November, 1955	400	15	37
December, 1955	295	13	41
January, 1955	447	12	39
February, 1955	360	18	122
March, 1955	370	5	17
April, 1955	450	12	43
May, 1955	360	3	6
June, 1955	55	0	0
	3340	95	332

One little boy, a twin, died at a Great Falls hospital. This was not entirely unexpected as his prognosis had never been good.

12 children were given Cod Liver Oil from October 15 to May 24. All children were weighed every month. All children were measured in September and in June.

11 new entrants were given thorough physical examinations. All tests were negative.

3 new day pupils presented equivalent medical records.

Totals for the year were:

2 children had warts removed by a dermatologist.

2 children had moles removed.

1 child was treated at local hospital for an abscessed thumb.

1 child was treated at clinic for abscessed toe.

1 child was given infra-red treatments at clinic.

2 children were taken to Mental Hygiene Clinic.

1 child was taken to the Crippled Children's Clinic.

1 child had a toe nail removed.

10 children were examined and 5 of them were fitted with new glasses.

16 children were taken to dentist.

1 child was taken to an orthodontist regularly.

1 child had mumps and was taken to the County Detention Hospital.

1 child was taken to Clinic for blood tests.

For prophylaxis, all children were given sulfadiazine in late February.

3 children with athetoidal tendencies were given two extra meals per day with gratifying results.

The above information submitted by

Esther T. Johnson, School Nurse

Physician's Report

GREAT FALLS CLINIC

Great Falls, Montana

Mr. Glenn Harris
School for Deaf and Blind
3800 Second Avenue North
Great Falls, Montana

Dear Mr. Harris:

I wish to thank you and your staff for the splendid cooperation that we received this year for all of our sick children. We had only one child who had a rather sudden demise due to polio encephalitis, all the rest of the children pulled through very nicely in spite of two epidemics of strep infection that we had in the school. All in all, I think that the school health situation was excellent, and I enjoyed working with the children very much this year.

Very sincerely,

Joseph W. Brinkley, M. D.

Trial Balance

June 30, 1955 (before closing)

11	Administration—Operation	$ 30,467.44	
14	Administration—Inventory	774.25	
21	Educational System—Operation	79,645.85	
22	Educational System—Capital	803.81	
23	Educational System—Rep & Repl.	720.65	
24	Educational System—Inventory	26,101.32	
31	Physical Plant—Operation	15,478.33	
32	Physical Plant—Capital	2,770.13	
33	Physical Plant—Rep & Repl.	7,110.61	
34	Physical Plant—Inventory	313,673.47	
41	Subsistence	32,686.05	
512	Federal Wards		3,600.00
52	Sale of School Products		180.26
53	Subscription to School Paper		43.00
555	Income from Interest and Income		15,775.32
565-1	Appropriations—Salaries & Expenses		150,351.99
565-2	Appropriations—Public Employees Retirement		1,478.83
565-3	Appropriations—Teacher's Retirement		2,300.76
565-4	Appropriations—Boiler House		2,200.93
565-5	Appropriations—President's Salary		7,200.00
612	In Transit to Treasurer	1.00	
64	Interest and Sinking Fund	1,547.37	
65	Interest and Income Fund	19,824.27	
66	Advance from State	1,000.00	
67	Cash in Office	257.55	
68	Local Bank	1,393.62	
73	Contigent Advance Fund		1,000.00
74	Due to Children		651.17
75	Bonds Outstanding		53,666.64
8	Surplus		295,806.82
		$ 534,255.72	534,255.72

HISTORY: The School for the Deaf and Blind was established in September, 1893, and until 1937 was located in Boulder, on the same campus as the State Training School. In October, 1937 the school was separated from the Training School and moved to new quarters in Great Falls.

LOCATION: The Montana School for the Deaf and Blind is situated at the eastern city limits of Great Falls. Highway 87 and 89 pass the school at 38th street. The address is 3800 Second Avenue North.

PURPOSE: The school is maintained by the state under the direction of the State Board of Education for the education of children too deaf or too blind to make satisfactory progress in the public schools.

AGE: Pupils between the ages of 6 and 18 are eligible for admittance but no student who has completed high school may be enrolled.

TRAINING: The department for the deaf is conducted by a staff of well-trained experienced teachers. Lip reading and speech are the chief methods of instruction. In addition to regular school subjects offered in all grades through 12, vocational training is provided. Among trades taught deaf boys are: printing, woodworking, shoe repairing, leather work; to girls: sewing, dressmaking, domestic science and typewriting.

The School for the Blind is equipped to give academic instruction either in the Braille or sight-saving department. Vocational training and music are on the curriculum.

RESIDENCE: The institution is a boarding school, and is in session from the second Wednesday in September until the second Wednesday in June with exception of Christmas holidays. Day pupils are admitted, but all students are entitled to free board and room.

COST: There is no cost for tuition, books, living expenses or care. Parents are expected to provide transportation for pupis, clothing and approximately $20 per year for incidental expenses such as shoe repairs, haircuts, toothpaste, etc. Section 1463, Chapter 29 of the Revised codes of Montana provides for county assistance for indigent families.

ADMISSION: Pupils are admitted on trial subject to their physical and mental ability to receive instruction. Upon request, an application blank will be provided by the school. The application must be completely filled out and returned together with a certificate of good health and freedom from contagious or infectious diseases. A transcript of credits or letters from teacher or principal is also required when the pupil is transferred from the public schools.

HEALTH: A resident nurse is on duty at the school at all times and a clinic is provided for children who are ill. Ordinary medical care is provided free and operations and extended treatment must be paid for by parents.

RECREATION: Pupils are given an opportunity for three hours of physical training weekly under direction. Recreation ground and rooms are provided, and school parties, moving pictures and other entertainments are scheduled regularly. Pupils enjoy skating, hiking, basketball, and many other types of recreation. Radios, phonographs and pianos are placed in recreation rooms.

CLOTHING: Uniforms or special clothing are not required. Every garment must be plainly marked in indelible ink or by means of woven name tapes which may be obtained at department stores or mail order houses. Linens, bedding and towels are provided by the school. A list of suggested clothing may be obtained upon request. Clothing is laundered at the school.

GENERAL CARE: Supervisors are employed at the school who serve as housemothers and counsellors. Nourishing, well balanced meals are served. There is plenty of milk, butter, vegetables, meat, potatoes and other wholesome food.

VISITORS: Parents, relatives and friends may visit their children as often as they wish. Other visitors are welcomed on school days (Monday through Friday) between the hours of 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. and 1 and 4 p.m. Groups of persons desiring to visit the school may come at the other times by special arrangement. Pupils may go out during weekends, or after school hours with parents, relatives or friends by advising us in advance. However, no pupil is permitted to go except with parents, unless we have written permission from home.

For further information write to:

Glenn I. Harris, President
School for the Deaf and Blind
Great Falls, Montana

Calendar of Events

1955 - 1956

September 7, Wednesday ..... School opens
September 8, Thursday ..... Classes begin
October 21, Friday ..... End of First Six Weeks
October 28, Friday ..... Halloween Party
Committee: Mr. Altop, Mrs. Aamoth, Mrs. Garretson
October 29, Saturday ..... Magic Show
November 19, Saturday ..... Thanksgiving Party
Committee: Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Lynch, and Mrs. MacPherson
November 24, Thursday ..... Thanksgiving Holiday
December 2, Friday ..... End of Second Six Weeks and Report Cards Due
December 9, Friday ..... Gallaudet Chapel, Miss Morrison
December 14, Wednesday ..... Elks' Program
December 15, Thursday ..... Christmas Program
Committee: Entire Faculty and Staff. Co-Chairmen: Miss Davis (pageant) and Miss Koetitz (music). Also on planning and directing committee: Mrs. Eriksen and Mrs. Aamoth.
December 16, Friday ..... (No school) Christmas Vacation begins
January 1, 1956, Sunday ..... Vacation ends
January 2, Monday ..... Classes resume
January 14, Saturday ..... Winter Party
Committee: Miss Rankin, Mr. Czernicki, Mrs. Ritcher
January 23, 24, 25 ..... Midyear Exams
January 27, Friday ..... End of Third Six Weeks; Report Cards Due
February 18, Saturday ..... Washington's Birthday Party
Committee: Miss Koetitz, Mrs. McLaughlin, Miss Davis
March 9, Friday ..... End of Fourth Six Weeks; Report Cards Due
March 17, Saturday ..... St. Patrick's Party
Committee: Mr. and Mrs. Eriksen, Mrs. Richter
March 30, Friday ..... Good Friday Holiday
April 1, Sunday ..... Easter
April 20, Friday ..... End of Fifth Six Weeks; Report Cards Due
April 21, Saturday ..... Jeans' Party
Committee: Mr. Kolander, Miss Morrison, Mrs. Cox
May 4, Friday ..... Musical
Department for the Blind ..... Miss Koetitz
May 8, Tuesday ..... Arbor Day
Mr. MacPherson and Mr. Garretson
May 23, Wednesday ..... Field Day and Picnic
Men Faculty Members
May 29, 30, 31, June 4 ..... Final Examinations
June 3, Sunday ..... Baccalaureate
June 5, Tuesday ..... End of Final Six Weeks; Report Cards Due
June 5, Tuesday ..... Commencement
June 6, Wednesday ..... School closes

Daily Schedule

Rise	6:30 a.m.
Breakfast	7:15 a.m.
School	9:00 a.m.
Recess (Primary deaf)	10:15-10:30 a.m.
Dinner	11:45 a.m.
School	1:00 p.m.
Primary recess	2:00-2:15 p.m.
Primary classes dismissed	3:00 p.m.
All classes dismissed	4:00 p.m.
Recreation	4:15 p.m.
Supper	5:45 p.m.
Study hall (intermediate and advanced)	7:00 p.m.
Gym classes	7-9 p.m.
Study hour dimissed	8:00 p.m.
Retire (Small pupils)	7:15 p.m.
Retire (Older pupils)	9:00 p.m.

No classes or study hour on Saturdays

Sunday and Holiday Schedule

Rise	7:00 a.m.
Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
Sunday School*	9:30 a.m.
Instruction for Catholic pupils*	10:30 a.m.
Dinner	12:30 p.m.
Supper	5:45 p.m.
Retire (Small pupils)	7:15 p.m.
Retire (Older pupils)	9:00 p.m.

*Sunday only

Sample Menu

BREAKFAST	DINNER	SUPPER
Sunday Grape Juice Sugar - Krisp Milk Coffee Cake Butter - Jam - Cocoa	Baked Ham Scalloped Potatoes Cranberry Sauce Pickles - Celery Ice Cream Bread - Butter - Milk	Sliced Cold Meat V-8 Juice Boiled Rice Spice Cake Bread - Butter - Milk
Monday Grapefruit Sections Hominy Grits Milk - Toast Butter - Jam	Beef Roast Browned Potatoes Gravy - Buttered Corn Bread Pudding Fruit Sauce Bread - Butter - Milk	Spaghetti with meat and Tomato Sauce Raw Carrots and Celery Green Beans Pears Filled Cookies
Tuesday Sliced Bananas on Rice Krispies Milk - Pancakes Syrup - Butter	Meat Loaf - Catsup Mashed Potatoes Brown Gravy - Carrots Loganberry Pie Bread - Butter - Milk	Fried Eggs Potatoes Patties Stewed Tomatoes Angel - Food Cake Grapes Bread - Butter - Milk
Wednesday Whole Oranges Oatmeal Milk - Toast Butter - Jam	Pork Chops Potatoes - Gravy Mixed Vegetables Cinnamon Rolls Bread - Butter - Milk	Boiled Beef with Dumplings Raw Vegetable Salad Apple Sauce - Cookies Bread - Butter - Milk
Thursday Apricot Nectar Cream of Wheat Milk - Toast Butter - Jelly	Round Steak Mashed Potatoes - Gravy Buttered Peas Jello with Fruit Bread - Butter - Milk	Roast Beef Hash - Catsup Fried Potatoes Buttered Beets Sliced Peaches Doughnuts Bread - Butter - Milk
Friday Oranges Wheatena Milk - Toast Butter - Jam	Fillet of English Sole Tartar Sauce Baked Potatoes Cabbage Salad Lemon Pie Rolls - Butter - Milk	Macaroni and Cheese Lettuce and Tomato Salad Jelly Roll Bread - Butter - Milk
Saturday Apple Juice Cream of the West Milk - Toast Butter - Jam	Steamed Weiners Mustard Stewed Potatoes and Onions Sauerkraut Custard - Milk	Chili Con Carne Crackers - Sliced Cheese Honey - Peanut Butter Fruit Cocktail Graham Crackers Raisin Bread - Butter